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(S) On July 18 we delivered reftel points encouraging Russia to support Kazakhstan to formally compete for the open IAEA Board of Governors seat to MFA Department for Disarmament and Security Affairs Nuclear Affairs Officer Alexander Trofimov. Trofimov said he was aware that Syria is the only candidate and personally agreed that, given the ongoing IAEA investigation, Syria would be a poor candidate. He said the GOR has no formal position at this time, but promised to get back to us with a response next week.
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